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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. CSCPRC SPONSORED MEETING ON STUDENT EXCHANGES WITH THE  
PRC (UNCLASSIFIED)

US EDUCATORS ATTENDING YESTERDAY'S MEETING ON STUDENT  
EXCHANGES AGREED THAT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHICH THE PRC  
MAY WISH TO SEND HERE IS NO PROBLEM. THEY DID, HOWEVER,  
EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBLE POOR PREPARATION OF THE  
PRC STUDENTS, AND IN PARTICULAR WORRIED ABOUT THEIR  
ENGLISH LEVEL. THEY CITED THE NEED FOR TESTING AND  
OTHER INFORMATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT PROPER EVALUATION  
AND PLACEMENT OF THE STUDENTS AND SUGGESTED THE POSSIBLE  
USE OF REMEDIATION CENTERS. THE EDUCATORS ALSO URGED  
THAT THE US SEEK RECIPROCITY IN PRINCIPLE (ESPECIALLY IN  
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RELATION TO ACCESS BY US STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS TO PRC  
SCHOLARS AND FACILITIES) AND THEY ARGUED THAT THE PILOT  
PROGRAM SHOULD PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN THE FIVE AMERICANS  
CURRENTLY PLANNED TO GO TO CHINA.

2. PRC JOURNALISTS DELEGATION (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE PRC JOURNALISTS DELEGATION CAME TO TOWN THIS WEEK IN A

FRIENDLY AND INQUISITIVE MOOD, BUT OBVIOUSLY VERY WEARY FROM TRAVELLING AROUND THE US. THEY LUNCED AT THE METROPOLITAN CLUB, THE WASHINGTON POST, AND THE CAPITOL, AND MET WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND A GOOD SAMPLING OF THE SENATE. THEY TOURED THE CITY, ICA AND VOA, AND THE BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION. THE VISIT WAS FOR THE MOST PART NON-CONTROVERSIAL AND USEFUL, BUT THE LACK OF FINESSE BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION IN BADGERING SENATOR MCGOVERN ON CAMBODIA PROBABLY MADE THEIR HILL APPEARANCE A NET LOSS TO THEIR CAUSE.

3. DAEDALUS POPS UP AGAIN (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE US REQUEST FOR COCOM APPROVAL FOR THE EXPORT OF DAEDALUS INFRARED SCANNING EQUIPMENT TO THE PRC HAS RUN AFOUL OF GERMAN AND FRENCH CONCERNS THAT THE EQUIPMENT MIGHT BE DIVERTED TO MILITARY USES. BOTH DELEGATIONS HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS REGARDING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST DIVERSION, AND THE GERMANS HAVE ATTACHED A CONDITION THAT THE CHINESE GUARANTEE TO MAINTAIN THE EQUIPMENT ONLY IN THE LOW PERFORMANCE DEHAVELAND TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT, OSTENSIBLY BOUGHT TO CARRY THE SCANNERS. WE HAVE RESPONDED WITH A TECHNICAL JUSTIFICATION SUPPLIED BY DOD AND ARE NOW AWAITING THEIR REACTION.

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4. PRC COAL MISSION (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

YET ANOTHER HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE DELEGATION TO THE US HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION. A 19-MEMBER COAL DELEGATION HEADED BY A VICE MINISTER OF COAL, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HERE SEPTEMBER 15 FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS. THE NATIONAL COAL ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS HOSTING THE VISIT, HOPES TO INVOLVE SENIOR USG OFFICIALS IN SOME OF THE WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES OF THE VISIT AND HAS REQUESTED SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO ADDRESS THE GROUP.

5. EXXON MEETING (CONFIDENTIAL)

CARL PATTERSON, PRESIDENT OF ESSO EXPLORATION INC., AND BILL JESSUP OF EXXON MET WITH SCOTT HALLFORD AND ME 8UGUST 25 TO RELATE THE RESULTS OF EXXON'S RECENT VISIT TO CHINA TO DISCUSS JOINT OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION. EXXON WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE CHINESE EMPHASIS ON SPEED IN DEVELOPMENT AND IS CONVINCED THAT THE DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED TO OPEN UP CHINA'S OFFSHORE AREAS TO WESTERN OIL COMPANIES.

6. CHAI TSE-MIN CALLS ON FRANK PRESS (LIMITED OFFICIAL  
USE)

I SAT IN ON CHAI TSE-MIN'S COURTESY CALL ON FRANK PRESS  
AUGUST 25. THE VISIT WAS LARGELY NON-SUBSTANTIVE, BUT  
THE INTERPRETER DISPLAYED A BIT OF VIRTUOSITY WHEN HE  
TRANSLATED CHAI'S COMMENT THAT "VICE PREMIER TENG GAVE  
YOU A DETAILED STATEMENT OF OUR POSITION" AS "VICE  
PREMIER TENG GAVE YOU OUR BOTTOM LINE."

7. HARRY THAYER'S RETURN (UNCLASSIFIED)

HARRY RETURNS TO THE OFFICE MONDAY, AND LYNN PASCOE  
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LEAVES FOR A WEEK'S VACATION. CHRISTOPHER

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